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# OSCILLATOR

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## Kutztown...Boffo Biz...Fabulous Photos...Full Report

**September meeting (and Kutztown) notes – by  
Dave Snellman**

Due to the proximity of the Kutztown Radio Meet, we moved our regular monthly meeting to coincide with the meet. Our meeting was either the shortest or longest meeting we've ever had. The meeting began on Friday evening and continued through until Saturday afternoon. The formal meeting was very short, but the fun, food, and camaraderie went on continuously until late Saturday afternoon.

With old business and new business both being the Kutztown meet, we approved the previous month's minutes and moved on to the steak dinner. As announced earlier at the last meeting we planned to provide all club members with a steak dinner. We can vote at the next meeting, but this humble reporter



can vote at the next meeting, but this humble reporter thinks it was one of the best steak dinners I've had in a long time. (For non-members, the same dinner was available for \$10.00!)

**QUESTION:** Where else can you attend a radio meet, get some good food, and have a steak dinner?

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**Next Meeting, October 5th, 2002  
Telford Community Center  
7:30pm**



*New letter of the  
Delaware Valley Historic Radio Club  
P.O. Box 847  
Havertown, PA 19083*

not have to pay for admission, AND get a steak dinner? Only at DVHRC, of course!

Vendors, mostly club members, began setting up as early as 2:00 PM on Friday. By 5:30 PM the pavilion was getting full. It actually looked at that point about the size of the first meet at its peak!

We had music supplied continuously by Steve Perdue and some friends. While the music was all recorded, the playback system was not your ordinary stereo set-up. Pictured on the right are the Zeiss-Ikon speaker systems, powered by single-ended triode amplifiers (employing WE 300B's). Source material came through from a Marantz CD player and a Denon Turntable. A vintage Macintosh pre-amp rounded out this system.



The Zeiss-Ikon speakers came out of a theatre in Germany. They were made around 1935. All who listened said they still sounded great.



DVHRC has its club table set up in the middle of the pavilion. It served as a place to test your recent purchases. You could also purchase tubes and capacitors from the club at reduced prices. (Just what you might need to fix up your recent purchase.) Charlie Classmanned the tube sales and Ted Sowircka manned the capacitor sales. Fred Saul spent a few hours handling book sales, taking memberships, and

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To join DVHRC dues are \$15 per year. The membership year runs January - December. Please mail to the club P.O. box above.

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm in the Telford Community Building, Telford, PA.

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answering questions. Various collector books were available at discounted prices. We can welcome two new members to the fold: Thomas Lager and Thomas Speigle. We also want to welcome back one of our charter members – John Ruccolo – to our fold.

The club table also held the “raffle radio.” This is second time we’ve offered a completely restored radio as a raffle item. The raffle was called just prior to the start of the auction and was won by the absolute last purchaser of a ticket. Our thanks to Lewie Newhard for supplying the maple-cased, Halton “All-American 5” for the raffle.



Starting around 10:00 AM, the club table began its transformation into “auction central.” Donation items, as well as, regular lots began to appear for bidders to preview. The staff of Renningers was most helpful in moving donated items to the auction site. By the time the auction started we had 248 lots to be auctioned.

Pete Grave, our auctioneer, moved things along at a feverish pace, keeping me on my toes recording each lot. We were fortunate to have quite a few volunteers to help move items along and assist with the clerking tasks.



I’d really like to thank Fred Saul for helping with the auction and for manning the club table for a couple of hours. Thanks also to Ted Sowircka for moving auction items and for manning the capacitors earlier. Others that helped the auction included Dave Abramson and Al Klase – both assisting with the clerking tasks. John Ruccolo, a DVHRC charter member and a friend from NJARC helped move a large number of lots through. Jim Troe had a large number of items in the auction and he helped moved those items and other though as well.

The auction came to a close shortly after three o’clock.



### Some auction statistics:

Total auction sales - \$1969.25

Total commissioned sales - \$1655.50

Total donated items - \$313.75

Total commissions collected -

\$165.50

Club proceeds from auction - \$479.30

A complete accounting of the auction will be available at the October meeting. We'll be mailing out checks for commissions to seven consignees totaling \$468.80.



By around 3:45 PM on Saturday, the pavilion was almost empty. The only one left was "Kermit" – scavenging parts.

### Those who helped...

There are a lot of people that DVHRC would not have had a successful meet without the help of all those who volunteered. Here is a list of those who I know pitched in to help. If I omitted anyone, I apologize. (Please let me know and I'll add your name to the list.)



Pete Grave, Lewie and Allie Newhard, Charlie Class, Al Klase, Mike Koste, Fred Saul, Bob Parvin, Dave Snellman, Dave Abramson, Ted Sowircka, Jim Troe, John Ruccolo, Marty Friedman, and the staff of Renningers.

Our next meeting will be October 8, 2002 at the Telford Community Center, Hamilton Street, in Telford, PA. The meeting time is 7:30 PM. See you there.



## (GIVE OR TAKE) 2 CENTS WORTH FROM YOUR TREASURER:

By Mike Koste

Thanks to a truly remarkable auction inventory, including a record number of donated items, the DVHRC walked away from Kutztown over eight hundred dollars richer. When you consider that, short of springing for steak dinners for Friday night's early arrivals, we had no expenses to speak of, "financially succesful" seems like a watered-down description.

To put our state of the treasury into perspective and the impact these meets have on our bottom line, ponder this remarkable fact: Proceeds from the last two Kutztown events, including tube, book and capacitor sales, memberships, the radio raffle and the auction *actually exceeded all we took in for dues in 2002!*

On a personal note, many thanks to long-time club member Jim Troe for his generous contribution to my little knob enterprise. It was also a pleasure visiting with our old pal Ed Skilton, wheelchair-bound, but apparently responding well to chemotherapy and in high spirits. Finally, many thanks to the staff at Renninger's who went out of their way to help out and make us all feel welcome.



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# Upcoming Events

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### *Regular meetings:*

**DVHRC monthly meeting** October 8, 2002. Telford Community Center, Telford, PA. Meeting starts at 7:30 PM and includes a mini-auction.

**NJARC monthly meeting** October 5, 2002. Location – Camp Evans, Wall Township, NJ. Check their website at [www.njarc.org](http://www.njarc.org) for more details and directions. NOTE: change of date. There will be a “members-only” tailgate auction and picnic. Time is tentatively 10:00 AM. Also, you’ll get a chance to view the Marconi buildings that have been turned over to InfoAge.

**Mid-Atlantic Antique Radio Club (MAARC) monthly meeting** 2:00 PM, Sunday, November 17, 2002, 7th Day Adventist Church, Burtonsville, MD. Check their website at <http://www.maarc.org>

### *Swap meets and local hamfests:*

**MAARC Fall Mini-meet** – October 6, 2002 - Davidsonville Family Recreation Center, Davidsonville, MD. Gates open at 9:00 AM. See directions below.

**Hamarama 2002** – Pack Rats Flea Market, October 13, 2002. Middletown Grange Fairgrounds, Perms Park Road, Wrightstown, PA. Check [www.ij.net/packrats](http://www.ij.net/packrats) for info.

**RF Hill 26th Annual Hamfest** – October 20, 2002. Sellersville Fire House, Main st., Bethlehem Pike, Sellersville, PA. 7:00 AM. Check [www.rfhill.ampx.org](http://www.rfhill.ampx.org) for info.

**13th Annual Mason-Dixon Computer and Hamfest** – October 27, 2002. Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Check [www.qis.net/~k3pcw](http://www.qis.net/~k3pcw) for info.

*That's the list for now. If you know of upcoming events that would be of interest to club members, please let me know. Contact Dave Snellman at 214-345-4248 (leave a message) or e-mail me at [snellman@bucks.edu](mailto:snellman@bucks.edu). Feel free to include hamfests, club related events, flea markets, auctions, or whatever you feel would interest your fellow collectors. Don't be afraid to share!*



# Odds and Ads

The Radio History Society and the Radio-Television Museum announce The Nye Estate Auction, Sunday, October 20, 2002 at the Davidsonville (MD) Family Recreation Center, 3789 Queen Anne's Bridge Road. Preview: 10 a.m. Auction begins at 11 a.m. and runs all day.

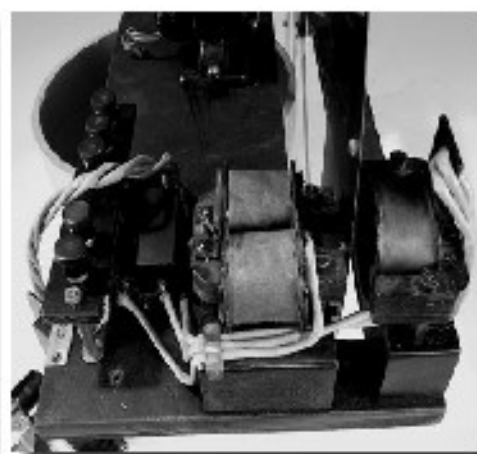
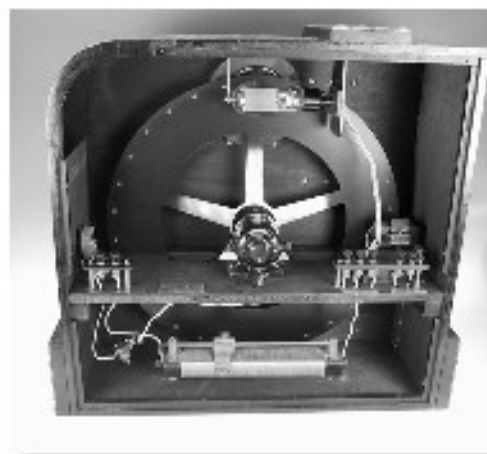
Only limited food available--bring a sandwich and a drink.

Hundreds of radios to be sold, no reserves or minimums. Consoles, cathedrals, tombstones, Bakelite 1940s sets, Emerson Aristocrat Catalin, 1950s hi-fi gear, test equipment, novelty radios, and more. Lots of Philcos. Bring a truck--consoles galore! All proceeds go to the Radio-Television Museum.

Directions: From U.S. Rt. 50 between Washington, DC, and Annapolis, MD, exit south on Davidsonville Road (MD Rt. 424) for about 3 miles. Turn right on MD Rt. 214 for 0.7 miles. Bear left on Queen Anne's Bridge Road. Watch for the chain link fence on the left and enter at the first gate. Information - contact Brian Belanger: (301) 258-0708, [bcbelanger@aol.com](mailto:bcbelanger@aol.com).

## *One last item from the internet...A very unique television set...But is it real?*

This last item was found for sale on eBay last week. It is portrayed as an Italian, Nipkow disc, mechanical television receiver from the '30's and never before seen or published. Looking closely at the photos, this Art Deco beauty must have been preserved under glass. It is a 30-line receiver using a unique "magnet synchronizer" (photo at lower right) to keep the disc in sync with the transmitter. Usually this was done manually with a brake mechanism or motor speed adjustment. This piece is the picture unit only. It would have needed a companion receiver. It was purchased for a stunning \$20,100 by Steve McVoy in Ohio who runs the Early Television Foundation which can be seen at [www.earlytelevision.org](http://www.earlytelevision.org). He has an agreement with the seller to first authenticate the item before the purchase is completed. Stay tuned for updates.







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